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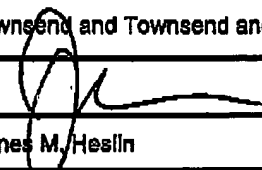
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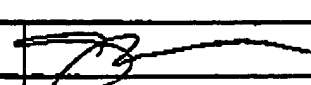
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and
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ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the action mailed May 10, 2006, please amend claims in the above-referenced application as follows. A response to the Election of Species Requirement is made in the Remarks section below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.